as well as unapproved artists as per the programme requirements.

(c) and (d) No such information/report is available on the programmes derogatory to tribal/non-tribal harmony in AIR, Agartala so far.

DAVP rates for advertisements

2704. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that till 2002 DAVP was paying for advertisements at one rate for a single edition of a newspaper even if some of its copies were printed from different printing centres, and changing this practice has caused problems for newspapers and losses also;

(b) whether Government are also aware that the newspaper industry has represented for restoration of the *status-quo ante;*

(c) if so, whether this demand has been considered; and

(d) by when a final decision would be taken?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) DAVP was paying for advertisements at one rate for single edition of newspaper for the copies even printed from different printing centres. However, on recommendations of the Rate Structure Committee, each edition of a chain group of newspaper printed in one place is being treated as separate entity on merit of its circulation and is being offered separate rate w.e.f. 1st October, 2002.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) A new Rate Structure Committee has been constituted to carry, out a comprehensive review of existing rate structure for DAVP advertisements and to suggest a new rate structure formula to be effective from 1st October,. 2005. The Committee, *inter-alia,* will also look into the feasibility of combined rates to multi-edition newspapers in place of separate rate for each edition.

Review of uplinking policy for news and current affairs

2705. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state: